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Remarks

In view of the above amendments to the claims and the following discussion, the applicants submit that the claims now pending in the application are not anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 103. Further, the applicants also submit that the claims now pending in the application satisfy the requirements of 35 U. S. C. § 112. Thus, the applicants believe that all of these claims are in allowable form.

REJECTIONS

A. 35 U. S. C. § 112

1. Claims 1-14

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, with regard to claims 1 and 8, the Examiner indicates that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the phrase "visual display". Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8 to provide antecedent basis for the phrase "visual display".

In view of the above amendments to claims 1 and 8, the basis for the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph has been removed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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B. 35 U. S. C. § 102

1. Claims 1-14 are not anticipated by Walmsley

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walmsley (US Patent 2,299,443 issued October 20, 1942). The applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by this reference.

Claim 1 is directed to a wall mounting apparatus for a visual display (see, the specification at page 1, lines 9-10). The wall mounting apparatus includes a first plate 4 attached to a wall and a second plate 2 attached to a display (see, FIG. 1A and the specification at page 3, lines 12-14). The visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places (see, FIG. 1D and page 3, lines 29-33). In FIG. 1D, portion 10 of the second plate 2 contacts an area of the surface of portion 7 of the first plate 4, while portion 9 of the first plate 4 contacts an area of the surface of portion 8 of the second plate 2.

Walmsley describes a frame support (see, Walmsley at column 1, lines 1-2). In Walmsley, the frame support includes member 5 attached to the wall and member 10 attached to the framed object (see, Walmsley at FIG. 3 and column 1, lines 33-46). Member 10 interlocks with member 5 in one place to mount the framed object on the wall (see, Walmsley at FIG. 3).

Walmsley does not describe or suggest a wall mounting apparatus including a first plate attached to a wall and a second plate attached to a display, wherein the visual display is mounted to the wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places. Rather, Walmsley describes a completely different arrangement that teaches away from applicants arrangement, in which two members contact each other in only one place to mount a framed object on the wall. Since Walmsley does not describe or suggest a wall mounting apparatus including a first plate attached to a wall and a second plate attached to a display, wherein the visual display is mounted to the

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wall by hooking the first and second plates, such that each plate contacts the other in at least two places, claim 1 is patentable over Walmsley.

Claim 8 recites similar subject matter as claim 1. Claims 2-7 and 8-14 depend directly, or indirectly, from claims 1 and 8, respectively. For the same reasons as stated above for claim 1, claims 2-14 are also patentable over Walmsley.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants submit that none of the claims presently in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102. Furthermore, the applicants also submit that all of the claims now pending in the application satisfy the requirements of 35 U. S. C. § 112. Consequently, the applicants believe that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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